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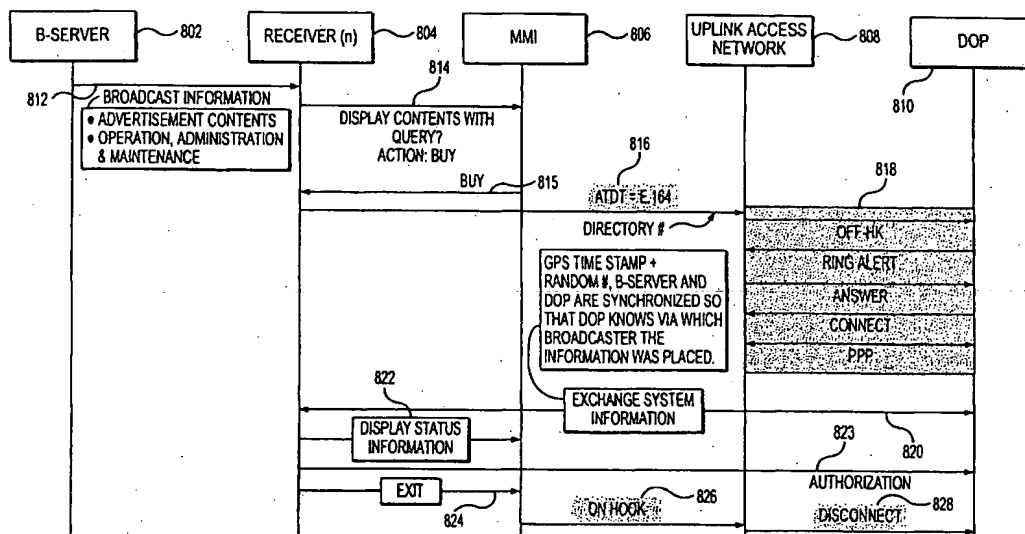
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(57) Abstract: One or more broadcast servers (802) transmit information (advertisement content and multimedia data content) to one or more digital audio broadcast (iDAB) receivers (804) over a network such as an in-band on-channel (iBOC) network. A client with an iDAB receiver is able to purchase multimedia content (812) by a simple action through a man-machine interface (MMI) (806). Furthermore, a mechanism is described for setting thresholds, wherein the thresholds define when actual broadcasting of the content should begin. The thresholding mechanism is implemented either in iDAB receiver or in a Push-Pull gateway broadcasting the multimedia content. Bulk purchases are described, where such purchases are done via: direct order placement, indirect order placement, or via a B-server (over iBOC) download to receivers. Additionally, bulk purchase allows for the spreading of uplink traffic from consumer devices (808).



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